

GRASSY ISLAND CROSSING

The Grassy Island Crossing byway is named for Grassy Island, a group of earthen masses in the Pee Dee River north of Blewett Falls

Lake along the Anson/Richmond County line.

The byway's western terminus is located at the intersection of U.S. 52 and Pinkston River Road

(S.R. 1627) in Anson County.

Travel south on Pinkston River Road through the pines, hardwoods, swamps and farms along the banks of the Pee Dee River **nearly five miles before turning left onto Grassy Island Road (S.R. 1634).**

For an interesting side trip, visit the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge located on Grassy Island Road. The refuge, North Carolina's only inland wildlife refuge, features a self-guided auto tour and hiking trail through a migratory bird habitat. A waterfowl observation blind allows for up-close viewing of bird species native to or passing through the region. The refuge's office and visitor center are located on U.S. 52, three miles south of Ansonville.

To continue following the byway, travel 4.5 miles along Grassy Island Road and turn left onto N.C. 109

North. Travel an additional mile before crossing the Pee Dee River, formed by the junction of the Yadkin and Uwharrie

rivers in Montgomery County. Flowing south along the Anson/Richmond County line and into South Carolina, the Pee Dee River empties into Winyah Bay.



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Pee Dee River

Cross the river into Richmond County. Travel 2.5 miles and turn right onto a different Grassy Island Road (S.R. 1148). This 13-mile road features the geological transition between the lowland piedmont region to the Uwharrie Mountain expanse. Blewett Falls Lake lies to the south and west. There are boat ramps and fishing access points on the lake. **The byway's eastern end lies northwest of Rockingham at the intersection with Holly Grove Church Road (S.R. 1146).**



Length: 26 miles
Drive Time: 40 minutes
Counties: Anson and Richmond